Nottingham Community Newsletter

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Blaisdell Memorial Library

Submitted by Liz Bolton, blaisdellml@comcast.net

We are OPEN! Masks are recommended, please follow your own comfort level. If you have been exposed and are quarantining or awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test, please wait and visit when you have been cleared. Curbside pick-up is available. Call or email us and we will put items out on our porch for pick up during open hours.

Current Hours:

Sunday/Monday: Closed Thursday: 10 am
Tuesday: 10 am - 5 pm Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
Wednesday: 10 am - 7 pm Saturday: 10 am - 2 pm

Please call 679-8484 to reserve computer time although we are generally able to accommodate walkins.

Curbside (all-day): Friday: 10 – 5 pm

Summer Reading Program (ALL Ages!)

Our Summer Reading Program begins on July 6 and runs through August 13. This year's theme is 'Tales for Tails' showcasing visits with animal ambassadors from Wildlife Encounters in August, and a Best in Show pet parade of patron pets welcomed Tuesday, August 3 (rain date Friday August 6). We will be doing a 'hybrid' version of Summer Reading with READsquared as our platform for those who want to participate virtually, and in-person shows and events happening outside on the library lawn for those who wish to participate in-person.

Signups for READsquared begin June 22, please check www.nottinghamlibrary.org or our Facebook page for additional information on signing up or call 679-8484.

Summer Reading Events:

July 8 – Teddy Bear's Picnic on library lawn with Peggy Tucker @10 am.

Songs and stories for our smaller patrons, please

bring a blanket, teddy bear, lovey, or stuffed animal and a snack for our socially distanced event.

July 15: Rocket Launch with Lindsey on the library lawn @2 pm. Please call 679-8484 or email bmlchildrensdesk@gmail.com to sign up. Spaces are limited. Generally recommended for grades K – 8.

July 22: Critters in the Garden with Peggy Tucker @11 am. What creatures live in your garden/yard? Find out who is peeking out at you from behind the leaves.

July 22: STEM/STEAM Exploration Day, 10am-4pm Stop by the library and explore different STEM/STEAM kits and ideas. Pick up a to-go STEM kit to experiment with at home. All ages welcome.

July 29: Adult Paint Night @ 6:30 pm. Experiment with pour painting and find your inner artist. All materials provided, please call 679-8484, or email bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com to sign up, spaces are limited. We will have a limited number of kits-to-go for those who may not be able to attend.

August 3: BEST IN SHOW pet parade 10 am – 2 pm. Have a pet that can dance? Sing? Is the best friend ever? Sign up for a 15-minute slot to bring your pet to the library and show them off. We'll take pictures, give certificates, and watch you and your pet be the BEST IN SHOW. House pets/stuffed animals are welcome and need to be always under the control of their owner. This is an outdoor event. (Rain Date August 6)

August 10: Wildlife Encounters Presents a program entitled Tiny Creatures at 10:30 am. Join us for this outdoor event showcasing six small animal ambassadors from the Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center & Farm School in Barrington.

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Suitable for smaller children. Please call 679-8484 or email bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com to sign up as we have a limited number of spaces available.

August 11: Wildlife Encounters Presents a program entitled: Junior Zookeeper at 2 pm.

Join us for this outdoor event showcasing slightly larger and more exotic animal ambassadors from the Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center & Farm School in Barrington. Suitable for all ages, please call 679-8484, or email bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com to sign up as we have a limited number of spaces available.

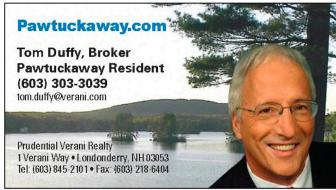
August 12: End of Summer Reading craft kit to-go. Stop by and pick up a quick craft to celebrate a successful summer reading program!

Teen/Tween/Young Adult

The July BYG meeting is planned for July 28 at 6:30 pm. No meeting is scheduled for August. Please check www.nottingham.library.org/teen-page/ for more information as it becomes available.

Adults:

Afternoon Book Group meets outdoors on clement days and via Zoom or FreeConferenceCall when the weather does not cooperate. Meeting dates are the first Thursday of the month at 1:30pm. The July 1st title





is: A Visit from the Goon Squad by Jennifer Egan, and the August 5th title is: The One-In-A-Million Boy by Monica Wood. Please contact us if you would like to join this group or check out a copy.

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Evening Book Group meetings are the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 and combine a hybrid format of Zoom and in-person. On July 28th we will be discussing Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. The group does not meet in August but will restart in September with Autobiography of a Face by Lucy Grealy. Please contact the library at 679-8484 or email bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com if you would like to join or check out a copy of the book.

Flower Drive:

The library will be partnering with Nottingham Parks and Recreation on a flower drive in July. Please feel free to drop off local or homegrown flower donations at the Rec. Center on July 19th and 20th for distribution on July 21st.



Need a helping hand or a listening ear? Call Pastor Ted White 285-3533 or Chaplain Gary Anderson 231-5216

New Hope Church PO Box 74 34 Raymond Rd Nottingham, NH 03290

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." -Matthew 11:28-30 www.new-hopechurch.com Join us 10am on Sundays.

Nottingham Community Church Unitarian Universalist



Rev. Craig Werth Interfaith Chaplain

Sunday service 10:00 a.m. 106 Church St. www.nottinghamuu.com

"Love is the doctrine of this church, the quest for truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer"...

Nottingham Republicans Committee

Nottingham Republicans meet the second Thursday each month at 7:00 PM. We are meeting in conference room 1 at the Community Center. If you would like information on our Committee you may email Pat Desrosiers at memedesrosiers@gmail.com. Republicans, Conservatives, Libertarians and



Independents who value liberty, fiscal responsibility and limited government are encouraged to join Democrats who feel disenfranchised with the

current direction our country is taking are welcome. Remember many of us are your neighbors.

The committee is fortunate to have State Senator John Regan, State Representative Alan Bershtein and Nottingham Selectman Ben Bartlett attend our meetings. They inform us on what is happening in state and local government and are open to answering questions and addressing issues constituents may have. An informed citizenry makes better choices at the polls.

Look for us on Facebook Nottingham, NH Republicans.

Our next two meetings will be July 8 and August 12.

New Hope Church

Worship at New Hope is every Sunday at 10:00 AM. We meet at New Hope Church on 34 Raymond Road. If you would like to Zoom worship, you can email Pastor Ted White at ted@newhopechurch.com. We are also on Facebook live. Come and join us.

We have started a **Discovery Group**. What is a Discovery Group? It is two or more people gathering together to learn God's Word. There is not

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a teacher in this group. Instead, everybody gives input from the portion being observed. There is no expert in the group and everybody's input is valued. Want to come to a group or start a group? Groups meet online or in person. Contact ted@new-hopechurch.com or call/text at 603-285-3533. If there is no answer, please leave a message saying you are interested in the Discovery Group and Ted will get back to you.

The next Discovery Workshop will be announced. If you would like more information, please contact Ted at the above email address





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~ Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Nottingham Community Church, Unitarian-Universalist

We are a welcoming community to people of all faiths and creeds. Our weekly services are on Sundays at 10:00 Facebook am @nottinghamcommunitychurch led by Interfaith Minister Craig Werth. We look forward to being able to resume in-person gatherings in our historic church building when it is safe for our community to do so. Our monthly coffeehouse/open mic night is online on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7 pm. Please see our website at www.nottinghamuu.com for more information and updates or email Craig Werth at <u>revcraigwerth@gmail.com</u> for pastoral care.

Nottingham Democrats

Submitted by the Nottingham Democratic Committee

Democrats, Independents and Undeclareds are

invited to join our friendly, active group Nottingham residents for meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.



With the continued success of the Covid vaccination program,

and following all up-to-date CDC recommendations, we hope to announce soon that the meetings will resume in person once again! We'll consider "hybrid" meetings for those of you who have grown accustomed to Zoom meetings... in your sweat pants... from the comfort of your own home...!



• August brings a Democratic "Fun-raiser" - an afternoon of live music and beer tasting at a local brewery (non-alcoholic beverages also available). Details TBA.

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- We'll be participating in the Recreation Department's Nottingham Earth Day Festival on Saturday, September 11 with a booth that celebrates the earth, and the activism needed to preserve the resources it provides. Volunteer your time and ideas by contacting us at: hwr-NottDems@comcast.net
- The Nottingham Democrats are proud to support Nottingham's year-long Tricentennial Celebration by purchasing sponsorship of the historic "Sons of Liberty Flag", which will be flown in Nottingham Square during 2022's Tricentennial festivities.

Follow and "Like" us on Facebook at: NottinghamNHDemocrats @nottinghamdems.com for: news, activities, issues, meetings and speakers.

Nottingham Food Pantry

In this time of the Covid pandemic we would like to thank those who gave very generous monetary donations, purchases of both nonperishables and personal hygiene products and some grants received.

The Nottingham Food Pantry shelves are well stocked and ready to help anyone in town who is in need of supplemental food and personal care items.

There is no need for anyone in town to go without food.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at 679-5209 if you could use the assistance. All calls are confidential.



Community Spotlight

Submitted by Charlotte Fyfe In this issue, Community Spotlight shines on... Bonnie Winona MacKinnon.

Q: What is your role in the Nottingham Community?

A: I am in my 10th year as Town Moderator, in charge of putting on elections as well as the annual Deliberative Sessions. I am also Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Nottingham School District Moderator.

My job as Town Moderator requires a great deal of work - more than most people know! I'm fortunate to have so many dedicated and experienced election officers, community members, and town employees without whom we could never conduct the smooth, high quality elections that Nottingham enjoys.

My job is to follow and enforce all the statutory rules governing elections. I try hard to remain unbiased and to implement these rules evenly and fairly at all times. This sometimes causes me to be perceived as "the bad guy", but it is important to follow the law to ensure fair, transparent elections with equal access to all citizens.

Q: What do you most enjoy about Nottingham?

A: People! When I moved here from Portsmouth many years ago, my neighbors reached out to inform me about their opposition to the controversial USA Springs. The proposed bottling plant would have tapped into Nottingham's groundwater, withdrawing 300,000 gallons per day for bottled water sales overseas. I made many new friends through our successful efforts to block this plan, and was gratified by the power that communities and people, united with a common goal, can have.



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Q: What would we find you doing in your free time?

A: I am an avid gardener. This year I have grown 50 tomato plants from seed alone! I give my vegetables away to friends and neighbors, use some of them myself, and I freeze some for use year-round.

My grandmother would say that I am the daughter of a thousand sailors. Perhaps that is why I love to travel and see the world. I have visited 47 of the 48 continental states and about 20 other countries.

I am also a hatha yoga instructor and enjoy my 2 dogs, 3 cats and the neighbor's chickens who visit my yard daily.



Bonnie MacKinnon in charge at the Nottingham Election on June 8th

A Steamy, but Well-Run Town Election!

The June 8, 2021 Nottingham Town Elections were

marked by a steady stream of 1,182 Nottingham voters, despite the sweltering heat and humidity. day went smoothly, with littlewait time, thanks to the hard Town work of Moderator, Bonnie Winona MacKinnon, Town Clerk, Lori Anderson and a small army of seasoned Election Officers,



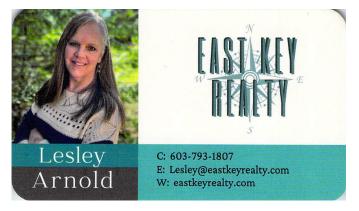
community members, and town employees.

Voters had many important articles to consider – with both Town and School positions up for election, as well as 21 articles on the Town Warrant and 7 on the School Warrant. Voters had 3 sheets of ballots – front and back sides - to fill out!

High profile votes included:

- Selectmen Ben Bartlett and Tiler Eaton were reelected
- The private "lake roads" were accepted
- The school renovation bond failed and the School Administrative Union (SAU) withdrawal passed

Voters appeared to be in a "yes" mood this election cycle, as all of the 21 articles on the Town Warrant were passed. Ditto for the School Warrant Articles



#2-7, the only failed article being #1, for the school renovation bond.

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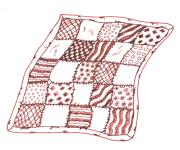
Residents can look for: an updated kitchen being installed in the Town Office complex; the creation of sleeping quarters at the fire station; and some new equipment for the Highway Department, among other articles passed.

At deadline, the above results were still considered preliminary. To look at the final vote tallies for Town and School elected officials, and all Warrant Articles, go to the Town of Nottingham website: www.nottingham-nh.gov, click on "News and Announcements" and then to "Election Results".

Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild

Submitted by Pat Vachon

Congratulations go out to Tom Duffy of Nottingham! Tom is the winner of this year's raffle quilt, which was held in June. A huge THANK YOU to all who purchased tickets! Some



of the proceeds from the raffle will help support Nottingham's 300^{th} anniversary celebration.



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The Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Nottingham Community Center (outdoor meetings are being held at this time). The guild is a small group of talented, creative quilters who love to get together and share our love of quilting. There is usually an informative program at each meeting. We also hold an annual quilt raffle, a monthly Saturday sew at the Community Center, and an annual weekend retreat. New members and guests are always welcome! Our annual dues are \$20. A part of the dues goes toward charitable donations such as local food pantries, End 68 Hours of Hunger, and summer camp scholarships for our local Recreation Departments.

You need not be an experienced quilter or a resident of Nottingham to join.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the guild, feel free to contact Pat Vachon at 603-679-8078.

Happy Summer from the Nottingham Area Women's Club!

Since we are a regional group, we are currently collecting gently used wedding/formal dresses for the "Angel Babies" organization. They make dressing gowns for babies who have passed away. If you want more information about the organization, please check their website, http:// out www.angelbabiesma.org/angel-gowns-by-angelor connect with us via email, Nottingham.WomensClub@gmail.com, if you have donations, as we are continuing to collect dresses! If you do not have dresses to donate but wish to contribute, you can donate any of the following: 24x24 crocheted, knitted, or sewn blankets, crocheted or knitted hats under newborn sizes, crocheted hearts, scissors, basic sewing supplies, craft store gift cards,

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In other news, we are getting to that time of the year



when we need to start organizing and planning our Annual Scarecrow Fundraiser! As we start to work on our website, their will be more information on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/groups/nottinghamwomensclub) about helping to paint scarecrow heads around the end of June! We always LOVE to have the community help with creativity!

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https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/aboutnottingham/pages/newsletter

(Scroll down and click on the date of the newsletter you want to download)

Save the Date!!

Nottingham Historical Society Blueberry Pancake Breakfast

Mark Sunday, August 8, 2021 on your calendar! The Nottingham Historical Society is planning to hold its annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast in front of the schoolhouse on Nottingham Square between the hours of 8:00 and 10:30 am, if the improving COVID situation permits. This year we are planning to hold the breakfast entirely outside. There will be tents to ward off the sun or rain, whichever the weatherman gives us. COVID protocols in place at the time, will be adhered to.



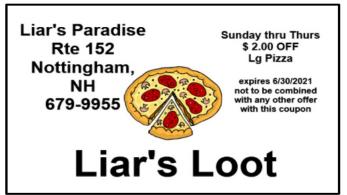
In addition to serving as a fund raiser for the Historical Society, the breakfast provides an opportunity to socialize with friends, listen

to local musical talent, and enjoy the delicious blueberries that grow so prolifically in the area. We hope to see you there!

NH Arts Guild Fifteenth Annual WORDFEST Scholarship Show Submitted by priscillaecarr@gmail.com

Call for Submissions

"A Gathering of PeaceMakers" is this year's theme. Yes, we are back! Submit original poems, essays, songs, monologues, and art media which narrate post-Covid 19 resiliency and renewal. Video clips of original



musical compositions and dance may also be submitted. We seek a vocalist to perform "You Have to Be Carefully Taught" from South Pacific. No submission fees. No age restrictions.

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Are you a natural storyteller? Five to seven-minute open mic spots will be available for sharing personal or community pandemic renewal journeys.

The Guild will offer a fifty-dollar honoraria and a mentorship program for Best in Show performances in each submission category.

WORDFEST opens its curtain mid to late October. Deadline for submissions is August fifteenth.

Parks and Recreation Department News

Submitted by Kortney Dorow, Director

Phone: 679-3435 x107

email: recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov

Recreation Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

Please make sure to check out our website, Facebook and Instagram page for all up-to-date programming. We consistently have new programs that are added to our page at various times of the year, and we can't always get them into this newsletter.

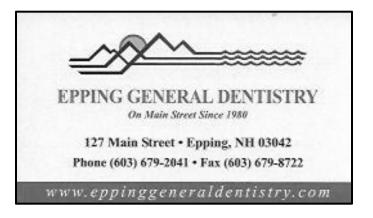
https://www.nottingham-nh.gov/recreationdepartment

Facebook: @nottinghamparksandrecreation

Instagram: @nottinghamparksandrecreation

Twitter: @ParksNottingham

Are you on our email list? Do you want updates and new program information delivered right to your inbox?? Just send us an email OR visit our recreation department website noted above and fill out the form located on our homepage!



Nottingham Parks & Rec Sponsorship Opportunities:

We are happy to announce that we are (almost) back in action! We are hopeful that we can offer quality programming and events that meets the needs of our community. Visit our website if you or your business is interested in partnering with us in 2021!

Upcoming Events and Dates:

Summer Concert Series and Floral Series:

Join us during July and August for FREE music down at the Bandstand, located at the Nottingham Town Hall! Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Bring the family for live music, great company, and yard games set up in the grass. New this year, come by around 6:00 pm to build your own floral bouquet before the shows. Check out website for more information on this event. State guidelines will be followed. Food will not be sold this year but bring dinner or grab something from Liar's and enjoy the show!

- *July 13, North River Music*
- July 20, Anderson Gram
- *July 27, Nice & Naughty*
- August 3, NH Fiddle Ensemble
- August 10, Julie Dougherty & Friends
- August 17, Cordwood

Plant Swap: 8/17/2021

Meet up with some fellow plant lovers in Nottingham! NP&R is hosting a plant swap meet up down by the bandstand before the last concert of the season. Bring healthy clippings to share and trade with others!!



Legacy Leader Luncheons:

- 7/21/21 and 8/18/21 for IN person Lunch at the Community Center, 12 pm!!
- The next day (Thursday), we will drop off lunches to those who wish to stay at home.
- *Please RSVP, 603-679-3435 x104*

Earth Fest and 5K: 9/11/2021

Our mission is to share and experience the natural treasures of Nottingham and surrounding communities and how they give back to the planet. Come join us for a day filled with fun, food, activities, vendors and more! The Earth Fest 5K will take place on the same day at 9 am. Go to our website and click EARTH FEST to find out more information!!

Flag Football League:

- Registration opens on 7/1/2021.
- Currently looking for Ref's- please contact the office for more info!

After School Care:

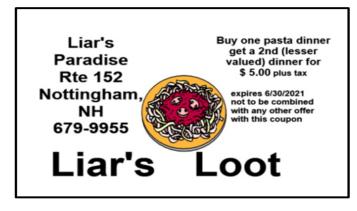
- *Registration opens on* **7/12/2021**.
- Currently looking for Employees- please contact the office for more info!

Programming And Rentals:

Please go to our website to see what programs are being offered at this time. We have information up regarding Summer Camps, After School Care, Summer Concert Series, Earth Fest and MORE.

Thank you, Kortney Dorow

Director: Nottingham Parks & Recreation





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